[Translation]

Special Task Force in Delhi

696. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY
KUMARI UMA BHARATI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether 'Task Force' has been constituted in National Capital Territory of Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the number of recommendations received by the Task Force so far;

(c) whether the Government have initiated action on these recommendations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d). The Lt. Governor of Delhi in whom the superintendence and control of Delhi Police vests constituted a "Special Task Force" under the control of the Commissioner of Police on the 6th September, 1996 for the purpose of investigating the cases of serious crimes like heinous crimes, land-grabbing, dispossession of property and the collusion and corrupt practices by public officials in this regard. This "Force" is, therefore, essentially an investigating body. It has so far taken up investigation of one case of alleged illegal sale of Gram Sabha land in Village Nasirpur.

[English]

Support Price for Agricultural Products

697. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have increased the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for the three varieties of paddy for the year 1996-97 kharif season;

(b) if so, whether the Government have increased the MSP for other foodgrains like wheat, etc. for the year 1996-97, and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A statement showing Minimum Support Price alongwith increase effected over last year for the major agricultural commodities for the year 1996-97 is enclosed.

STATEMENT

Minimum Support Prices

(Rs. Per Quintal)

S.No.	Commodity	Variety	1996-97	Increase in 1996-97 over 1995-96
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Paddy	Common	380	20
		Fine	395	20
		Super Fine	415	20
2.	Coarse Cereals (Jawar, Bajra and Ragi)		310	10
3.	Maize		110	10
4.	Wheat		415	35
5.	Barley		305	10
6.	Gram		740	40
7.	Arhar		840	40
8.	Moong		840	40
9.	Urad		840	40
10.	Sugarcane			
11.	Cotton	F-414/H-777	1180	30
		H-4	1380	30

1	2	3	4	5
12.	Groundnut-in-shell		920	20
13.	Jute	TD-5 Grade	510	20
14.	Rapeseed/Mustard		890	30
15.	Sunflower Seed		980	10
16.	Soyabeen	Black	620	20
		Yellow	700	20
17.	Safflower		830	30
18.	Toria			
19.	Tobacco (VFC)	Black Soil (F2 Grade)	19.00	-
	(Rs. per kg.)	Light Soil (L2 Grade)	22.00	0.50
20.	Copra	Milling	2500	-
	(Calender Year)	ball	2725	-
21.	Sesamum		870	20
22.	Nigerseed		720	20

Paddy Procurement

698. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any change in the Gradation Policy of Paddy during the current procurement season;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the total procurement of paddy by October, 1996 as compared to the corresponding period during the last year; and

(d) the reasons for shortfall in the paddy procurement this year, if any?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A quantity of 47.27 lakh tonnes of paddy has been procured for Central Pool upto 31.10.1996 in the current 1996-97 Kharif Marketing Season as against 47.21 lakh tonns of paddy procurred during the corresponding period in the previous season.

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Recruitment of Constables

699. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the places in Khurja Parliamentary Constituency in Uttar Pradesh where recruitments have been made for constables in various Police Forces by the Government during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government propose to conduct recruitments for constables in Central Police Forces in the rural areas of Khurja Parliamentary Constituency on the priority basis;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d). Recruitment of Constables in Central Para Military Forces are conducted on State level basis and not Constituency wise. Annual vacancies are allotted to various States in proportion to the population ratio and centres for recruitment rallies are chosen keeping in view various aspects. Candidates from Khurja Parliamentary Constituency are eligible to apply against vacancies allotted to U.P. State.

[English]

Abolition of the Post of Constable

700. SHRI G.M. KUNTURKAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering the suggestion made by Shri J.F. Ribeiro, former Punjab Police Chief to abolish the post of Constable and keep the lowest rank post as Sub-Inspector; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). No such suggestion is under consideration of the Government at present.